



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### POISON PREVENTION WEEK

- WHEREAS: Each year, nearly three million people are unintentionally poisoned in the United States, according to the American Association of Poison Control Centers; and
- WHEREAS: In 2017, the Georgia Poison Center handled more than 81,000 poisoning-related calls, of which, over 40 percent involved children under age five; and
- WHEREAS: Despite the diligent efforts of poison center services, community organizations, and the use of child-resistant safety packages, poisoning remains the leading cause of injury-related death in the United States; and
- WHEREAS: It is important for all citizens to be aware of the dangers of potentially poisonous household cleaning products, medications, insect and animal bites, cosmetics, pesticides, and foreign bodies; and
- WHEREAS: All citizens should be aware of the services provided by poison centers and understand that poison centers provide information service as well as telephone emergency service; and
- WHEREAS: To reduce the incidence and impact of poisoning in Georgia, residents are encouraged to learn about the lifesaving, cost-effective resources available from poison centers. Citizens are also encouraged to learn the emergency hotline number – 1.800.222.1222 – and be aware that telephone services are available 24 hours per day, seven days per week, and 365 days per year; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 18–24, 2018, as POISON PREVENTION WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



*Nathan Deal*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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